

## THE DAY BOOK

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**COPS AND THE BOYS.** — How many young boys in Chicago feel that the policemen are their friends? How many of them feel that a cop wants to help, not hinder? If we are to judge by the actions of one Officer Allen, who travels out of the Woodlawn station, the percentage is mighty small.

Copper Allen arrested a boy for disorderly conduct. When the case came up there was no evidence and the boy was discharged. A short time later the same cop arrested the same boy for the same charge. And then the same thing happened in court, except that Officer Allen didn't even show up in court to prosecute.

The Jewish Aid Society broke into the case long enough to find out that the boy had a fine reputation, character, etc. There was nothing against the lad. Copper Allen had simply used rank judgment, or it might be called overauthority.

When having a club, a star and a gun affects an officer that way, we say take the gun, club and star away from him.

An officer should be the boys' friend. He has a great many chances to help out the boys who play on the streets. A little fatherly advice goes a long, long way, while an arrest for some trivial matter is right likely to create an ill-feeling between the boys and officers. And that sort of feeling should not be.

A cop's a human being the same as the boy and a boy is a human being the same as the cop. To whoop with the authority. Treat the boys as you would your own boy and you'll get along better.

**A WORTH-WHILE MAYOR.**—Aurora, Ill., is now a fortunate town.

It has a mayor who means business and who isn't afraid to do his duty.

To prove it, Mayor James E. Harley dismissed from service the police chief and the entire police commission, revoked many saloon licenses and closed the tenderloin.

"I am the mayor of this town," Harley declared. "I am going to run it if I have to fire the whole police department. I am going to clean it up."

We have in mind mayors of a dozen big cities who could do real and effective public service if they had the nerve and courage of Aurora's new executive. We have in mind mayors and former mayors who, fearing the political influence of their police chiefs and fellow officials, have blinded their eyes to just the sort of thing that Mayor Harley refused to tolerate.

Mayor Harley should have the solid support of Aurora in his program for a clean city and mayors of many cities much larger would do well to follow his example.

A mayor need not be only a city hall ornament unless he chooses.

## SHORT ONES

The allies at the finish may have all the sea and the kaiser all the land.

What an auto looks like coming and what it smells like going are two different things.

Nikola Tesla says in future wars explosives will be replaced with electric waves. This is shocking.

Uncle Sam's note to England indicates the trouble at issue is not so much one of a blockade as a block-head.